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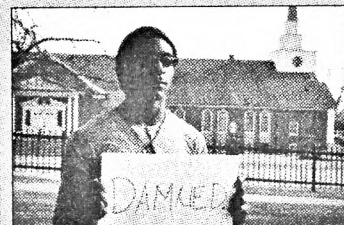
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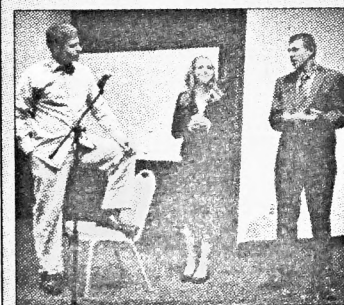
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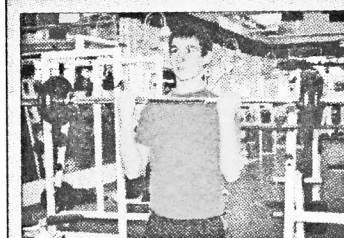
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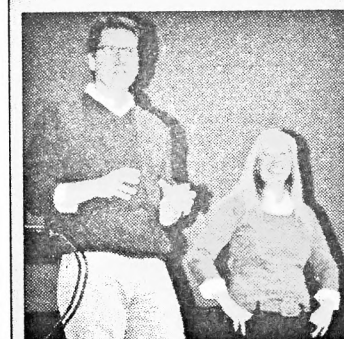
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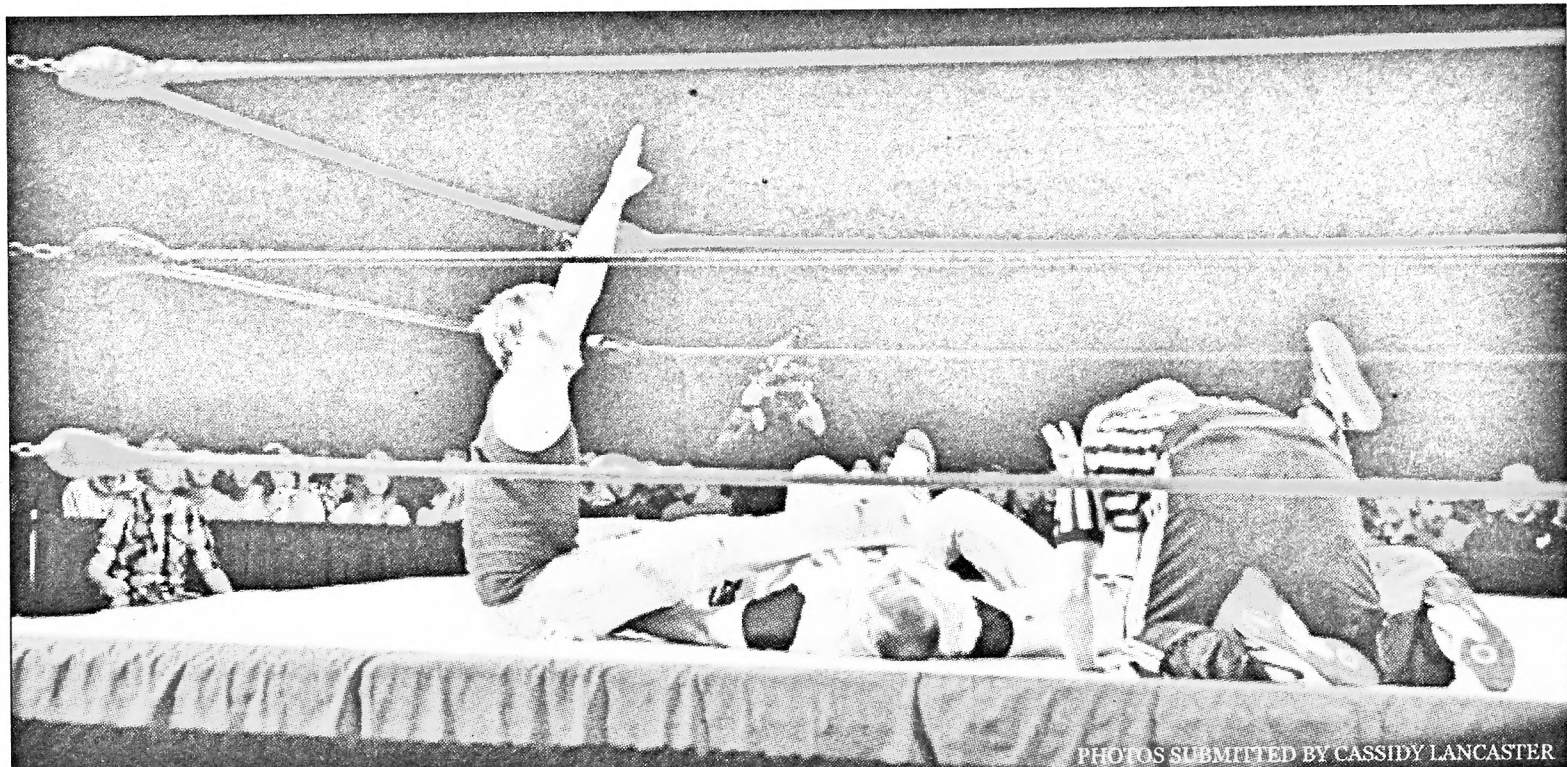
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**Tiger Championship Wrestling attracted many students to Chalfant Hall last year. However, the show will not take place this year due to a lack of wrestlers.**

## TCW: down for the count

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Fans of the most adrenaline-rushing and forehead-sweating entertainment event on campus will have to wait until next year for their fill of testosterone-laced drama.

The lack of participation and small time frame for planning led to the cancellation of Tiger Championship Wrestling, otherwise known as TCW, an event for men to "wrestle each other" like something straight out of the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment).

The event was originally scheduled for March 19 in Chalfant Hall.

Alex Ripberger, VP of Men's Residential Life (MRL), said the problem was not necessarily getting people to sign up, but getting them to commit to practices. With only three actually showing up to practice, there were not enough participants to produce a good show and not enough time to put together quality matches.

Ripberger said TCW is a campus favorite because it is a different type of event that pushes against the boundaries of what Olivet usually allows. It is a risky and dangerous show that the guys take a strenuous amount of time preparing an impressive performance for the audience. Unfortunately that time was not available this year.

"I felt it was in the student body's best interest to cancel TCW," Ripberger said. "I didn't want to charge students who were expecting this big [event] and then have them feel it was a waste of their money."

Student Body President Evan Karg said, "I'm disappointed that

MRL decided to cancel TCW because it's been a success for the past several years. But, I trust Alex's judgment."

Major promotion started in January with posters, sign-ups in Ludwig and email notifications, but Ripberger said there was not a good response to the efforts.

Senior Tye Taylor was one of the few who confirmed his participation. He blames the low turnout on the delayed planning.

"It was planned so late," Taylor said. "Meetings usually start [during] first semester. They tried to plan it in one month, which isn't right because people had already made other plans."

But Ripberger said planning was in motion first semester to a small degree with 10 men already signed up to wrestle. Upon return-

ing from Christmas break, participants had either forgotten or had to quit because they did not realize how demanding their schedules would be for spring semester.

"In waiting [to begin the major planning], we had hoped to allow the guys to get used to their schedule and for them to be pumped up right after the informational meeting and promotion of TCW," Ripberger said. "Unfortunately it just wasn't an effective strategy."

Junior Michael Bishop had been involved with TCW for the past two years. He said the event is one of the most unique on campus and if it cannot live up to expectations, then it should not be done at all.

"We just didn't get enough participation, which is really a shame because I don't think the guys on campus understand how fun it re-

ally is," he said.

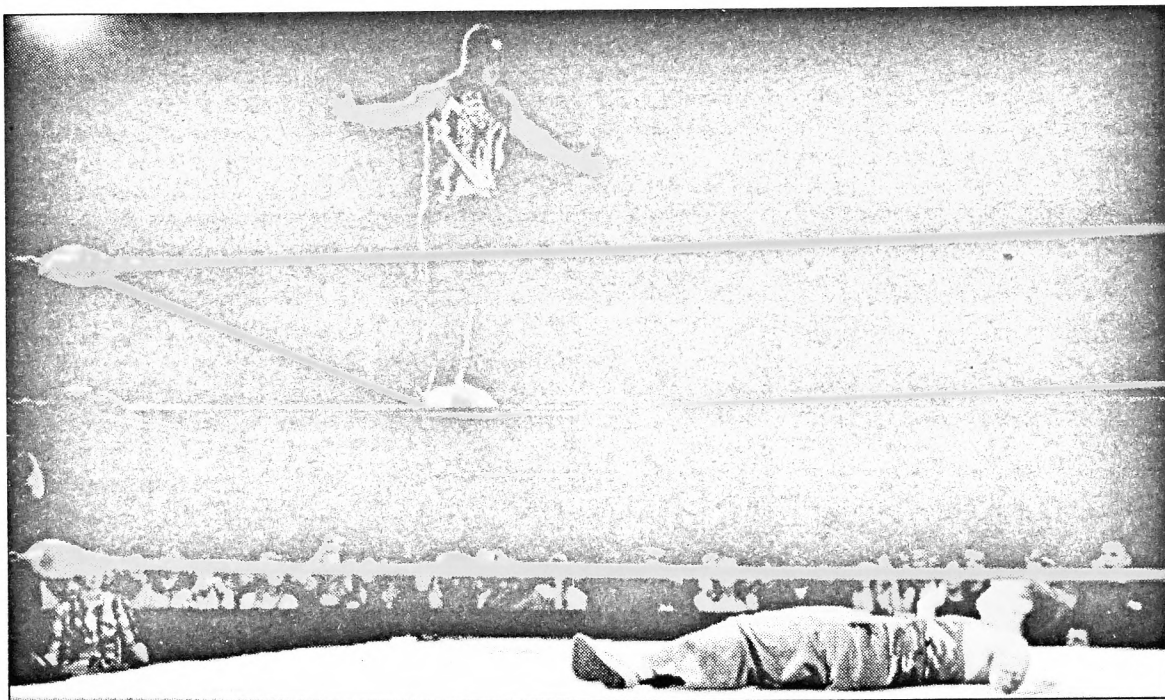
So was there enough interest but not enough guys able to commit to the March 19 date?

"That's what confuses me—whether it was a lack of interest or a lack of awareness," Ripberger said.

He plans to do more next year, as he has been reelected for the position of VP of MRL, to ensure the problem is not a lack of interest. A "big media rush" is already in the works to promote the event, Ripberger said.

The council is hoping to build up MRL so something like this does not happen again.

"Hopefully the year off will help build up anticipation for TCW 2012," Bishop said. "It is sure to be a show that no one will want to miss."



**Junior Michael Bishop stares down at his opponent during last year's competition. He was one of only three men who responded to the call of TCW this year.**



## Glimmer Glances

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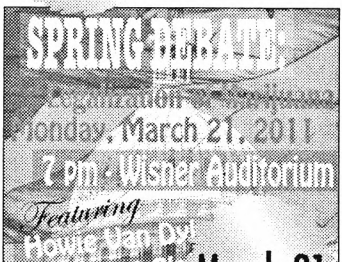


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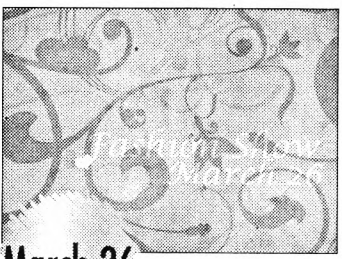


Spoon 4 Forks March 19

March 19 comedy improv



March 21 political debate



March 26 fashion show

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# ROTC cadets honor WWII veterans

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Olivet's soldiers-in-training will soon sacrifice their own physical comforts to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during World War II.

Eight members of Olivet's Roaring Tiger battalion will participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March on Sunday, March 27, in White Sands, N.M.

But this marathon-length march is only a fraction of what prisoners of war had to endure almost 70 years ago.

In April 1942, over 75,000 American and Filipino soldiers surrendered to Japanese troops on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines, according to a letter written by senior Clinton Casey. Casey is a cadet in Olivet's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or ROTC, program.

The prisoners were then forced to march 60 miles in scorching heat for several days. Thousands died along the way, and only 54,000 soldiers actually made it to the POW camps, the letter said.

In 1989, the Army ROTC Department at New Mexico State University held a 26.2-mile memorial march to honor those who had died. Since then, the number of participants has grown from 100 to over 5,000.

In spring of 2010, four of Olivet's ROTC members participated.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRENT BROOKS

Senior Cody McGraw supervises Micah Bennett, junior, during a drill. These students are part of Olivet's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

ivet's ROTC members participated. This semester, eight are training to go.

The cadets will wear their full uniforms and walk 26.2 miles in the march. However, there is an added stipulation – they must also wear 35-pound packs on their backs.

Senior Paul Jackson, who participated in the march last year, said these packs are dead weight.

They do not necessarily carry gear, but rather, books, sandbags, or anything else to fulfill the requirement. Packs are weighed at the end of the march to ensure that participants don't dump items as they go.

Casey is also marching for his second year. He said the cadets have been training for months by walking with 50-pound packs to condition their feet and backs for

the march.

However, in spite of the hardships, he believes his pain does not compare to the suffering of the soldiers that he honors.

"The march is extremely difficult but only brings an insignificant amount of pain compared to the physical and emotional pain thrust upon U.S. veterans in the Pacific Theater of World War II," he said.

## Special ed program may be offered soon

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A special education major may be added to Olivet Nazarene University's Department of Education by fall 2013.

Dr. Jim Upchurch, Dean of the School of Education, is finding that a program such as this might be exactly what his students and department need. The idea for the addition came from community and state trends, as well as information from Olivet's sister schools and surrounding schools in the Kankakee area.

Research will continue on this topic for the remainder of the spring semester. Upchurch hopes to bring a proposal to the VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gregg Chenoweth, at the beginning of the

fall 2011 semester.

"There is a shortage of special education majors in education programs," Upchurch said. Education funding has hit a rut, "but [the number of] special education students and their needs have not decreased."

So far, Upchurch has found five reasons that a special education major would be necessary and worth-while.

Offering a special education major is a mission fit for ONU. Upchurch said that if a student decides to come to Olivet with a calling to special education, they will have to study elsewhere. Olivet cannot currently fulfill those students' needs to complete that calling.

A shortage of special education teachers exists in every state.

This is a highly requested major, number one in fact, by prospective teacher education candidates searching for a university to attend, Upchurch said.

Other universities confirm the value and importance of offering this major. Two of Olivet's sister schools, Trevecca Nazarene and Northwest Nazarene Universities, offer special education majors already.

ONU teacher education faculty members recognize and support the need for this new major to become a reality.

Upchurch is not sure if the major will be offered to undergraduate or graduate students yet. That is one thing his research will focus on from this point on.

New faculty members will need to be hired if this major is added.

In order to teach special education in Illinois, a professor must have his or her special education teaching certifications. Upchurch said at least two full-time faculty members will be needed and possibly one or two adjuncts as well. No one currently in the School of Education has teaching certifications in special education, according to Upchurch.

A large portion of the students at ONU are education majors, so Upchurch believes this would be a wise decision for the University. Currently, there are 513 education majors, a number that has been steadily increasing for the past decade.

"We are not doing this [trying to add another major] to become larger. We are doing this primarily as a mission fit," Upchurch said.

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# New ASC leaders are selected, prepare for conference in Canada

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The recently selected 2011-2012 ASC Executive Council will travel to Calgary, Alberta, Canada next month for the annual Nazarene Student Leadership Conference.

This is the first year NSLC will be held outside of the United States. The council will leave for Calgary on Tuesday, April 5, under the new leadership of the incoming Student Body President, Kyle Lowry. They will return to campus the following Sunday.

The new team of ten is:

**Kyle Lowry** – Student Body President  
**Ian Morley** – VP for Spiritual Life  
**Mitch Johnson** – VP for Social Life  
**Alex Ripberger** – VP for Men's Residential Life  
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Olivet's student body voted for the positions of Student Body President and VPs for Social Life, MRL, WRL and Spiritual Life the week prior to Spring Break. The five appointed positions, VPs for Finance, Student Relations, Publicity and Executive Editors were chosen by representatives from Student Development, the outgoing council member and faculty advisors that week as well.

The student body needed to revote for the position of VP for Spiritual Life, however, due to a close call in the original results. In order for a candidate to be elected to a position, he or she needs to win over 50 percent of the votes. Karg said Morley was merely 20 votes away from that mark in the first round.

The fact that there was only one runoff ballot needed came as a shock to outgoing Student Body President, Evan Karg.

"I was surprised that there wasn't a runoff for Student Body President," he said.

Karg has high hopes for this new council. "I think they are going to be heard and recognized as leaders."

The results did not just surprise Karg, though.

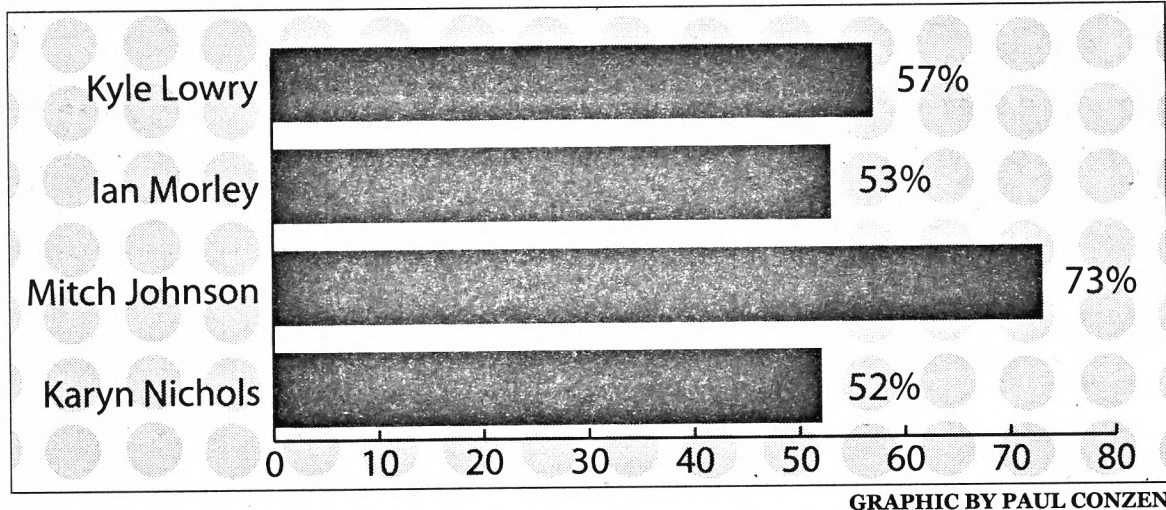
"I thought Kayla [Rolling] ran an amazing campaign," Lowry said. "I was definitely nervous." He is thrilled for next year and already has plans for his council.

"My vision for ASC is to continue to make ASC a place to develop leaders. I really, really want to equip people to lead. I don't want to just do everything for everyone. I want to teach them how to do it because that is something ASC has done for me."

Karg has been Student Body President for over a year now and has learned how to be a teacher and mentor for the Executive Council. As a bit of advice for Lowry and the rest of the team, Karg said:

"Don't be afraid to stand up for something. Realize that you need to pick and choose your battles. You can't die on every hill."

## Percentage of votes each winner received



# Pell grants may be reduced

*'Leaving the maximum amount of the Pell grant alone is better than cutting it.'*

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Students around the country may receive less financial aid and benefits for the 2011-2012 academic year.

President Barack Obama and the Republicans in the House of Representatives plan to cut the Federal Pell Grant Program.

Obama's 2012 fiscal budget proposal calls for \$100 billion cuts in different areas of the Pell grant.

At Olivet, 1,092 students receive Pell grants, and 946 of those are traditional undergraduates.

If the program is cut, those students would no longer be able to use more than one grant each year. Currently, students can receive two grants, one for the summer semester and one for the regular academic year, according to CNN.

The summer program, created in 2008 and first used by Olivet in 2010, only supported 77 Olivet

students last year.

"The stats say the summer program doesn't help students graduate faster," Greg Bruner, Director of Financial Aid. "I think that, instead, students are just lightening their loads."

If Obama's proposal is accepted, the program would also stop paying interest on graduate student loans, according to the International Business Times.

His plan would keep the maximum Pell grant at \$5,550. The Times said that a different plan by the House Republicans would lower the maximum grant to \$4,705, which is an \$845 decrease.

The 414 Olivet students who receive the maximum Pell grant would be most affected by the cuts.

But even if Congress does not lower the maximum awards, all Pell grant recipients will lose money.

Obama's plan will keep the grants at their current level, but

they will no longer increase annually.

"Tuition goes up every year everywhere," Bruner said. "In theory, if the tuition cost goes up and the Pell doesn't increase, students will lose about 1 percent. But most students move up a grade level, so they gain \$1,000 in other aid, like Stanford loans."

While both plans will affect students, Bruner believes Obama's proposal will have the smallest impact.

"Leaving the maximum amount of the Pell grant alone is better than cutting it," he said.

Both Obama and Republicans are seeking cuts to the program because of a need for less government spending.

"All of us are faced with a quandary," Bruner said. "As a financial aid person, I want the money to go up. As a taxpayer, I want the government to do better financially. However, anything that helps our students is great."

# Beyond Olivet

## International

### Radiation leaks after earthquake hits Japan

Efforts to cool two damaged reactors at a nuclear plant have been "somewhat effective," Japanese authorities said in an article on CNN.com. The reactors began to heat up after several earthquakes and a tsunami flooded the plant last week.

On Friday, March 11, an earthquake of magnitude 8.9 struck Japan. The quake caused a tsunami with 30-foot waves to wash over the country's shore within the hour, sweeping away fields, cars and entire towns. Two smaller quakes also shook the country on Saturday.

The initial earthquake caused serious damage to Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO) nuclear power plant at Fukushima Daiichi.

On Saturday, March 12, officials at TEPCO said the plant at Fukushima might have leaked radioactive substances. They planned to pour water onto the exposed fuel rods in two of the nuclear reactors to prevent radiation from being released.

Helicopters sprayed seawater on the reactors on March 17 to prevent overheating.

## National

### NFL players and their owners in legal battle

Football fans beware: the 2011 NFL season may not start on time.

The NFLPA, the NFL Players' Association, "decertified last Friday and revoked its union status," according to NFL.com. Players and their owners are now in a legal dispute for several reasons.

Players want to see 10 years worth of audited financial data because they want to know what the League's financial situation is exactly. The players are also looking for better benefits and after-play care.

NFL.com reported that players would normally be preparing for the upcoming season this month, but that cannot happen until the legal battle is settled.

"Now, no one knows how quickly the court process will act, when players will hit the open market, and how soon NFL teams would be re-opened for normal football business," according to an article on NFL.com.

—News briefs written by  
Cathy Schutt & Jessica Cohea

## Finkbeiner Fast results

On Friday, Feb. 25, students could fast up to three Sodexo meals so the money could be donated to a worthy cause. This year the funds will be given to

Nebraska State University's ministry center, which operates through the Church of the Nazarene. Below are the results from the Finkbeiner Fast:

**560** meals donated

**\$1** donated per meal

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## Editorial

## Open discussion

In a tight-knit community with varying religious backgrounds, differing political opinions and wavering views on possibly every topic one can think of, a sensitive issue like homosexuality is bound to become a topic of debate sooner or later.

Homosexuality is not a new argument. People from all walks of life have either known someone who is gay or have had homosexual thoughts themselves.

Recently, our generation, the "Millennials" if you will, have done a fair job of bringing this topic to the forefront. In the past, discussion of homosexuality was frowned upon, but now you cannot turn on the TV without hearing about a new civil unions bill or open a news website without reading something concerning the gay community. The topic is hard to just simply ignore when our society deals with it on a daily basis.

There is just no getting away from homosexuality anymore. Therefore, discussion of this topic at Olivet should not be frowned upon or swept under the rug.

Although he does not see the Evangelical Church changing its views on homosexuality, Woody Webb, VP of Student Development, says the Church has become more open to debating their position on homosexuality.

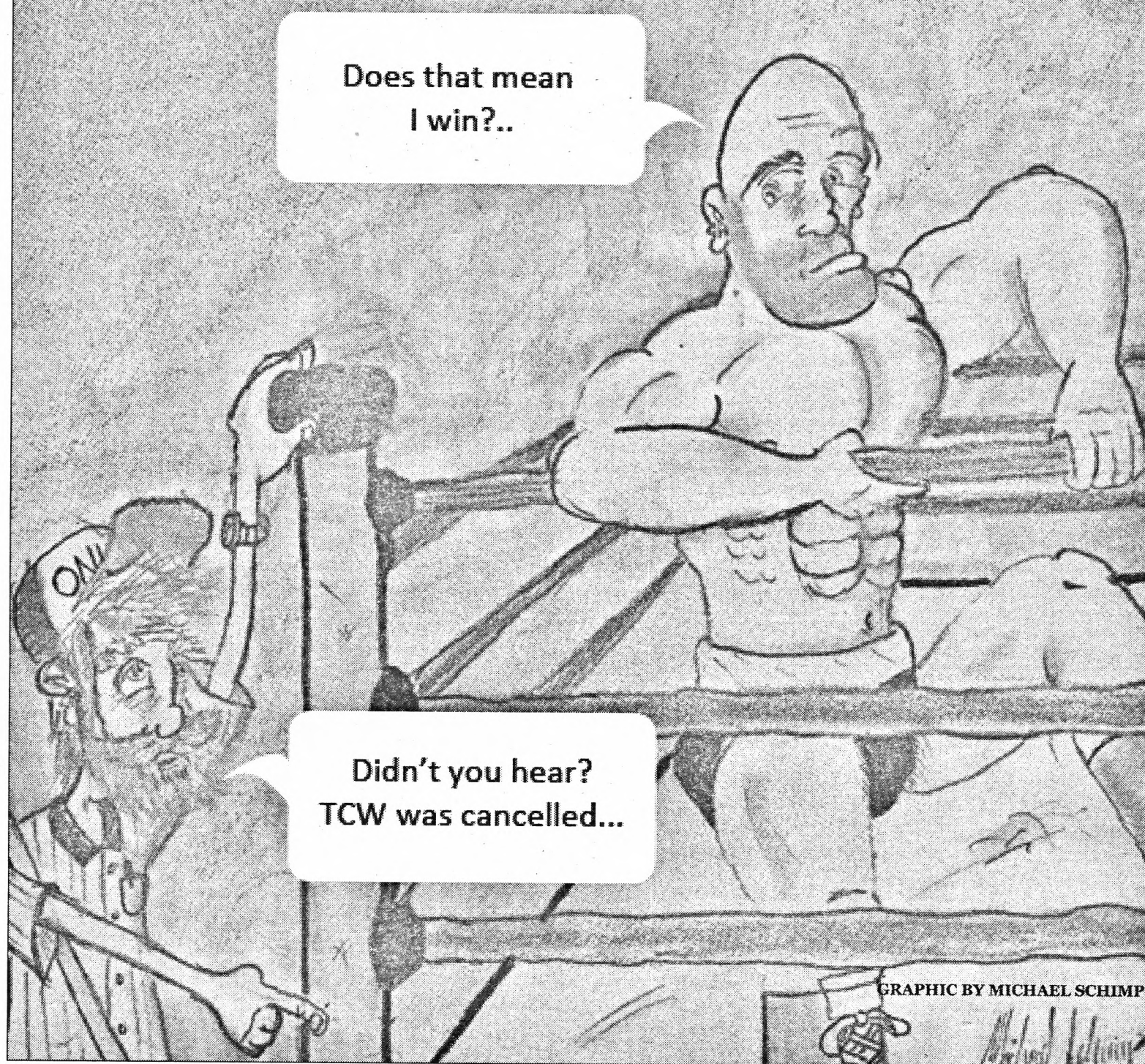
If the Church and the University are beginning to open their doors and hearts to a discussion of homosexuality, students should be just as open about it also. It is fair to have an opinion about something, but it is not fair to judge people or ridicule them for how they feel.

Junior Aubrey Sarna, a gay student at Olivet, said she "just wants respect and equality." The gay students at Olivet are not trying to change the views on homosexuality. They are searching for equality in counseling, housing and other areas of campus life.

If there is to be equality and acceptance of all God's people on Olivet's campus, public conversation on this topic is imperative.

SEE "GAY: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" ON PAGES 6 & 7

## TCW's lone wrestler



## Christian influence in media needed

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The entertainment business has become a large part of the U.S. culture and is largely influential. The best part? Christians are beginning to gain momentum in this field as well.

Media needs to be filled with Christians who are as passionate about the message behind their productions as the medium they are portraying it on.

Take the spring musical, for example. "Godspell" is the modern day retelling of St. Matthew's Gospel. The musical was a sensation. It was extremely well done and it entertained and equally portrayed the story of Jesus Christ in a manner that could speak to the hearts of the audience.

Like theater production, the film industry is steadily becoming a mission field for Christians. They are finding the balance be-

tween good entertainment and good messages.

"To Save a Life," shown at selected theaters last year, is an example of a film with a strong Christian message. This film was made with the purpose of sharing a redemptive story to a secular audience to spread the Gospel.

On the contrary, other movies such as "The Chronicles of Narnia" or "The Lord of the Rings" have strong elements of Christianity due to their respective writers, but their purpose for being made was more for entertainment than spiritual growth. "Narnia" and "LOTR" do inspire spiritual

growth but they lost the potential spiritual impact the books had when the moviemakers' motivations changed to making money.

"Fireproof" is another example of a film that had great intentions and a powerful message but lost impact to a secular audience when its quality turned out to be only adequate. If the Gospel is going to be effectively spread through media, the medium and the message must both maintain momentum.

"The Grace Card," also recently released to selected theaters, is an example of a movie that has potential. However, according to online reviews, it still slightly falls short

in the eyes of a secular audience. While the movie can be powerful for Christians, it loses power as a ministry tool to non-Christians. It was on the right path to finding a balance, but missed the mark.

An upcoming film called "Soul Surfer" is a promising candidate to obtain that balance while effectively portraying a powerful message of faith in God even when times are hard. It is the true story of Bethany Hamilton, who fell victim to a shark bite. She lost her arm, but found renewed faith and courage to continue her passionate pursuit of Jesus, as well as her love of surfing.

*"It might be called a 'medium,' but there is nothing average about what God can do if we effectively embrace what has become the dominant force in our world today."*

With all-star lineup, AnnaSophia Robb as Bethany Hamilton supported by Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt, and Carrie Underwood, there is no telling how big of an impact this movie can have and how many people it can reach.

Though film looks to be a growing medium for Christ to be revealed, there are still plenty more media for even more revelation.

Christians are called to go out into the world to share the Gospel. Whether our medium is print, film, canvas, music, internet, or one of many other possibilities, we need to start embracing these media with the talents God has given us to help grow His Kingdom. Secular mass media is a wide open market for all different talents.

It might be called a "medium," but there is nothing average about what God can do if we effectively embrace what has become the dominant force in our world today.



# Supersize me ... the Olivet edition

Jim Murray is 'tired of being skinny' and is actively working 'to give being fat a try'

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Junior Jim Murray knows the meaning of Mardi Gras: "Fat Tuesday."

About a month ago, Murray set a new goal: to gain weight. "I'm tired of being skinny," he said.

Murray trailed the inspiration for his new ambition all the way back to his first grade teacher, who told him he could do whatever he wanted to do with his life.

"If you want to be the president, you can be the president. If you want to be an astronaut, you can be an astronaut," he remembered her saying. "However, she didn't take into consideration that maybe my goal was to be fat."

Murray said he wants to prove that his teacher's words were true by setting a life goal and accomplishing it.

But why is it his goal is to become fat?

"I'm sick of being skinny, and I want to give being fat a try," Murray joked.

In spite of having an "incredibly fast metabolism," Murray is doing what he can to gain weight.

Rather than following a standard 2,000-calorie diet, he now consumes around 3,500 calories per day. He checks the calorie count on all food items before eating them. He also lifts weights one to two times per day without doing cardio exercises.

"When you stop working out, your muscle becomes fat," he explained. "So, a good way to get fat is to work out and then stop working out ... and then eat a bunch of food."

He added that foods like cheeseburgers, spaghetti and pasta have been beneficial in helping him gain weight, as they contain lots

of calories.

However, Murray discovered that the secret to gaining weight is not to only eat junk food, but to consume nutritious foods as well.

"You have to eat relatively healthily in order to eat a large amount of calories," he said. "If you eat just fried food, you get sick."

Despite this necessity to eat healthy food, Murray is not avoiding fast food altogether. Although he continues to eat Sodexo meals in the campus dining hall, he also frequents local eateries like McDonald's, Culver's, Chipotle and Buffalo Wild Wings. He said he consumes about six meals per day, plus he snacks on protein bars and shakes in between meals.

"The bad thing about this diet is that you're full all the time," he commented.

Murray said the amount of weight he gains depends more on how often he eats than on how much he eats in one sitting.

"If you're constantly eating, you don't have to eat huge meals," he said. "It's just easier on the body."

Although Murray's waist may be getting wider, his money supply is shrinking. So far, he has invested about \$75 into his endeavor to gain weight.

Murray recently switched his major from Youth Ministry to Christian Education and Business. He is the leader of the on-campus ministry Party With Jesus (known to the Facebook world as Fiesta Con Jesús), which brings students together for a time of worship every Monday night at 9 in the Warming House.

As of March 16, Murray has put on 10 pounds and claims he has not felt sick yet. He hopes to eventually gain 30 pounds.

"Mom's going to be so proud," he said with a grin.



PHOTO BY CATHY SCHUTT

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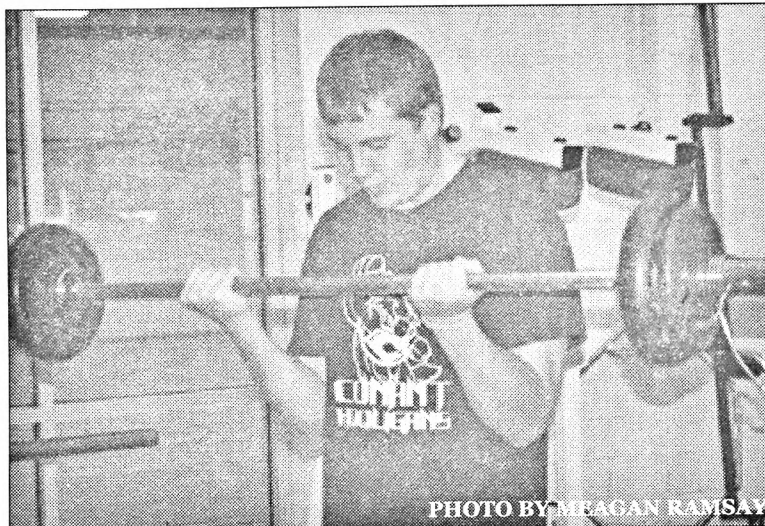


PHOTO BY MEAGAN RAMSAY

Sophomore Ryan Lejman exercises for "Team Ballin."

## 'Dump your plump'

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Need motivation to exercise? How about the chance to win a home cooked meal prepared by the members of Student Dietetics Association and a gift card to Fro-Yo?

Dump Your Plump is a school-wide exercise competition hosted by Student Dietetics Association. The competition is used to promote National Nutrition Month.

By the end of March, the team with the greatest number of points for exercising will win the meal.

Signups for the exercise competition are for groups of four. For 15 minutes of working out, a student gets 10 points and for half an hour, 20 points. On Fridays, a designated person on the team will email the amount of points for each team member to freshman Emily Borgner. She will then tally up the points for each team.

This year the 10-member Dump Your Plump committee comprised of selected SDA members started planning for the competition in January. Certain changes have been made, including its overall structure.

"We are trying to get the word out more and earlier than last year," President of SDA senior Ali Baig said.

Last year the SDA hosted Dump Your Plump, but there was low participation due to its late advertising.

Although Baig is a transfer

student, he was still aware of the progress of last year's event.

Baig got involved in SDA because he has always been fascinated with food and has lost 90 pounds. He wants to educate others on healthy eating as well.

This year Baig wants to make more exercising tips available, including the many reasons to exercise. Some of his reasons are: improves sleep, lung and heart function and overall well being, helps fight off diseases and sickness and helps maintain weight.

Only 10 groups have signed up for the competition.

"The typical people are not signing up, those who you would expect to," member Ashley Bayston, junior, said.

The typical people are the athletes; students who spend hours in the fitness center.

"Many students plan to attend the 5K run for Haiti and that is where most of the student participation will come from," said Jennifer McClellan, Mission in Actions coordinator.

"There have been some really cool group names in the signups such as The Anti-bodies, Welcomesportz, and Party Midgets," Bayston said.

SDA hosts events to increase healthy exercise habits as well as cooking demonstrations, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army and even a fundraiser selling homemade cookies.

Additional spots are available for teams to sign up if interested.

# Inside the brain of a college student

Among the biggest and most complex organs in the body, the human brain leaves much left to be understood by science. March 14-20 marks the 16th annual celebration of Brain Awareness Week (BAW), an effort to promote public awareness of the "benefits and promise of brain research" ([www.dana.org/brain-week](http://www.dana.org/brain-week)).

The best medicine for problems that occur in the brain is prevention. The Center for Brain Health at the University of Texas at Dallas recommends these tips to improve brain health for college students entering their twenties ([www.brainhealth.ut-dallas.edu](http://www.brainhealth.ut-dallas.edu)):

- Limit multitasking — multitasking diminishes mental pro-

ductivity, elevates brain fatigue, increases stress, impairs sleep patterns and reduces overall health by altering immune system.

- Synthesize meanings from work assignments, articles and books read and movies watched.

- Practice strategic attention by blocking information download and overload. Adults in their 20s pride themselves in finding vast amounts of information in record time, but speed and amount of information retrieval does not build a deeper thinking and innovative mind.

- Schedule periods of brain downtime to seek 'a-ha' moments to solve complex work or life problems.

- Carve out small projects, rather than taking on more tasks, and de-

velop visionary plans of action.

- Sleep — regularly get 7-8 hours of sleep; information is consolidated in the brain at a deeper level of understanding during sleep.

- Exercise — get 30 minutes of aerobic exercise 3-4 times a week to improve memory as well as increase attention, concentration and brain blood flow in the memory area of the brain.

Concerning technology's effects on the brain, Dr. Sandra Bond Chapman, founder and chief director of the Center for Brain Health warns: "the wealth of information we have at our fingertips is creating a poverty of thought. We are exposed to three times more information today as compared to four decades ago. The information overload leads to more multitask-

ing and forces us to push our brain to do things it was not built to do. In essence, the normal function of our brain is impaired, especially the frontal lobe."

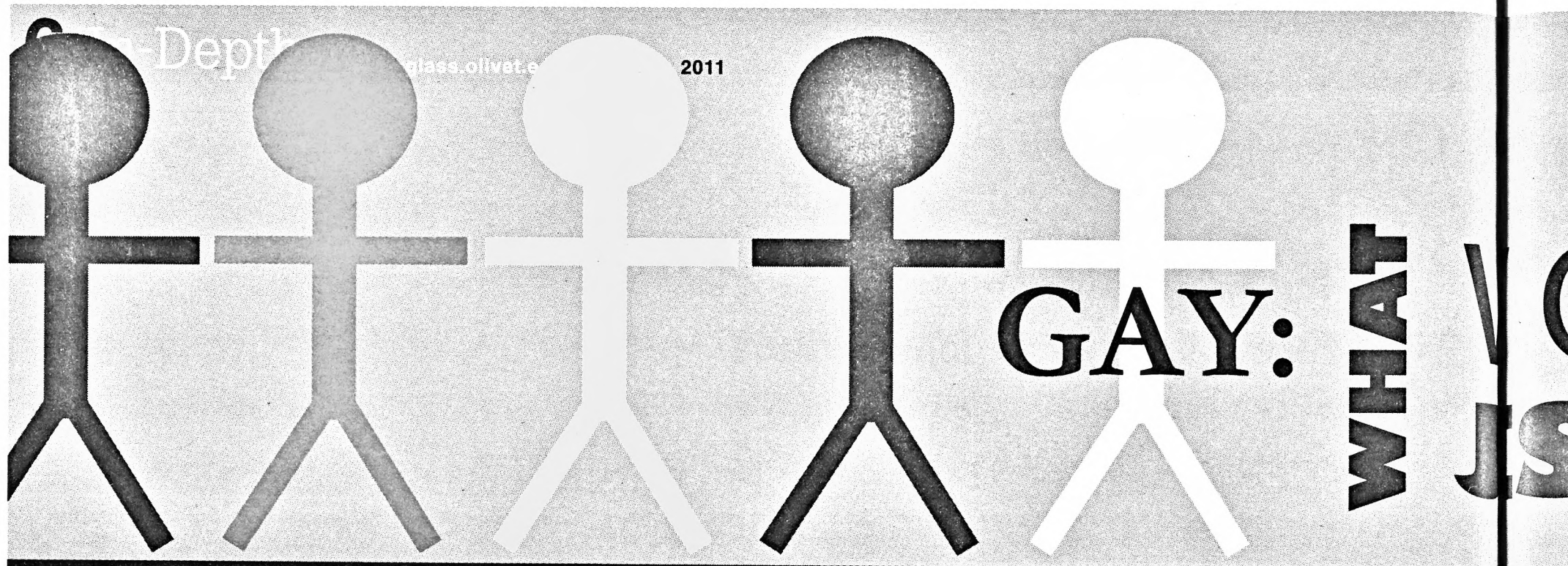
She goes on to reference the key functions of frontal lobe functioning and concludes that the impact of otherwise helpful technology is "rewiring" the brain, causing detriments such as "weakened focus, shallower thinking, reduced creativity and forward thinking and a lowered ability to shut out irrelevant information — all decreasing our brain's potential."

Lucky (or not) for most college students, it is not yet the end of the road for the brain's development. Recent studies have argued that the brain is not fully developed until the age of 25, specifically in

areas related to (this being the "or not" part) decision making, judgment, rational and critical thinking, emotion and linking behaviors to long-term consequences (Baird & Bennett, 2006). The authors of the study are quoted in the Dartmouth News, stating, "The brain of an 18-year-old college freshman is still far from resembling the brain of someone in their mid-twenties. ... When do we reach adulthood? It might be much later than we traditionally think." Here's to a work still in progress.

This public service announcement was submitted in recognition of Brain Awareness Week by Ben Kunz, a counselor in the Counseling and Health Services at Olivet.





## Don't judge me by my sexualie

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Senior Brett Carmouché, 21, was threatened with excommunication from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for being gay. In response, he transferred to Olivet from Brigham Young University, a Mormon institution in Idaho, after his freshman year. Even though he was aware of Olivet's religious roots in the Church of the Nazarene, Carmouché thought the student body, faculty, staff and administration would be more accepting of his homosexuality than BYU.

He was wrong.

Within the first days at Olivet, Carmouché started to believe that he was alone.

"No one understood [me]. No one wanted to understand."

The Church of the Nazarene views homosexuality as a sin and as a form of perversion. Its doctrine says, however, that Nazarenes "believe the grace of God sufficient to overcome the practice of homosexuality." Gay people are allowed to attend ONU, says Woody Webb, VP for Student Development, if they agree to abide by University policy to refrain from acting on homosexual behavior.

It is not Carmouché's goal to change the Nazarene views, because he says those views are what make schools like Olivet run and function. He and other gay people on campus just want to be treated like everyone else is. They want to be socially accepted.

Carmouché came out to the Olivet community officially in an article in the *GlimmerGlass* on Feb. 27, 2009.

"Those who know me intimately know that I ... struggle with homosexuality," he wrote — choosing his words carefully to appease the University and protect himself from ridicule. He was not ready to be completely open.

Nonetheless, Carmouché recalls being approached by several people who severely disapproved of his sexual orientation after the article appeared. Many people he thought were friends abandoned him at that crucial point in his life. He cried frequently and took his anger out on those around him. He even threatened self-injury.

He remembered telling his parents, "I need help or I'm not going to make it."

"I frequently thought about killing myself because it was so miserable here [at Olivet], and my parents wouldn't let me transfer again," he says.

With time, however, Carmouché found a group of people he could connect with. He learned that other people at Olivet are gay, too, and he gained support from several of his professors as well.

Time went on and the new Olivetian started to become comfortable at ONU. He studied on campus for two semesters, then decided to study abroad for the fall 2009 semester. Before heading to China,

however, he signed up to share an apartment in Olde Oak with three other men. He had confidence in his spring housing situation, so he left and moved on with his semester.

After returning from China, Carmouché recalls receiving a phone call during Winter Break from one of his roommates a few days before New Year's Day 2010. The essential message, he says, was:

"Here are a few options: either you get it together or I'll move out, or we will have you kicked out."

His roommates initially thought that his homosexuality was an issue that he was overcoming. The three men found out later that Carmouché had made peace with his sexual orientation.

"I was under the impression that Brett struggled in the past and was trying to change. I didn't think he was still actively gay," said one such roommate, senior Brian Kosek, 22.

Distraught, Carmouché emailed his Resident Director. The two met when Carmouché returned to Olivet's campus later that month for the start of the spring semester.

Carmouché says he was told that he could not share an apartment with those men as planned because they were not comfortable knowing he is gay.

He packed his bags and was sent to Hills.

"[The Olde Oak RD] said, 'Here's the key to the guest room. You're going to be here for a week. We need to pray. We need to talk about it,'" Carmouché recalls. "It was essentially me being quarantined for a week."

If a student is removed from the apartments and is sent back to inner-campus housing, it can be seen as a sign of punishment. Carmouché felt like he was being punished for his sexual orientation.

Carmouché says he was told if he could find someone "to deal with him" he would not have to stay in Hills. He did, and shared a room with that friend for the duration of the semester. He says he was not permitted to live in any apartments the following school year, though.

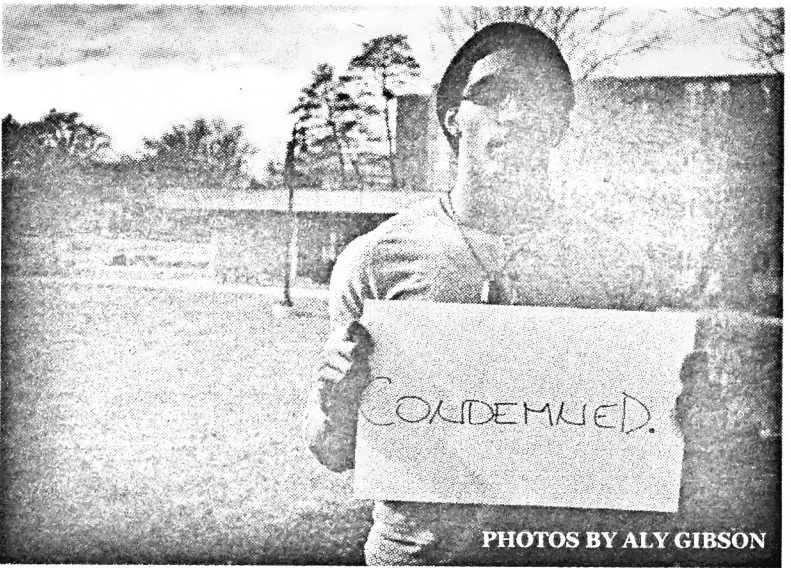
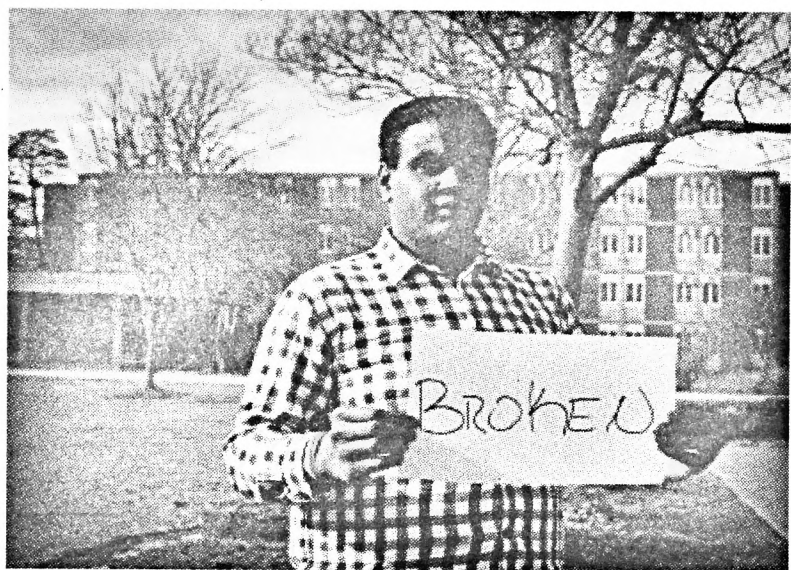
Although he may be the only gay person that has received this "punishment," he is not the only gay person on campus.

There is a "decent sized underground gay community" on campus, according to a gay rights advocate within the Olivet community who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of retribution. A handful of homosexual people are open about their sexual orientation. But they do not enjoy the same rights heterosexual students have. This has led Carmouché and a group of fellow Olivetians — gay and straight — to start fighting for the acceptance of homosexual people at Olivet.

Junior Aubrey Sarna is part of this group. Telling her friends at Olivet that she is gay was "really scary." She never expected to ever tell anyone, she says. Not a single soul. Not until she was dying.

"I had visions of being on my death bed and telling one person before I died."

Revealing her true identity meant freedom, though.

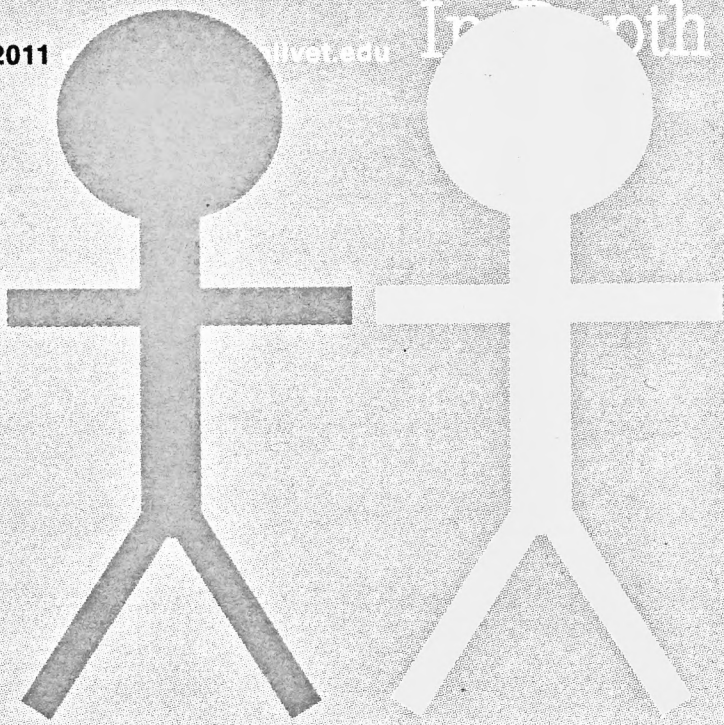
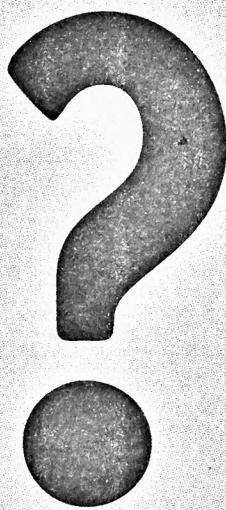


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Gay students like senior Brett Carmouché (top), junior Aubrey Sarna (middle) and senior Dominic "Niko" Clark (bottom), feel that they are unfairly judged by their sexual orientation. By coming out to the Olivet community they have been labeled and given secret names.



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## A-Team stands by what they believe

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People in the Olivet community are divided on the issue of homosexuality. Some believe it is a lifestyle choice that is the right and responsibility of an individual. Others see it as a complete disregard of biblical texts. But no matter what the viewpoint, Olivet Nazarene University has strict policies in place for its students, even a policy concerning a homosexual way of life.

ONU is affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene and therefore follows its doctrinal and ethical principles. The University has centered its campus regulations on those principles, according to the University Life Handbook.

Olivet's stance and policy are clear on the issue of homosexuality, said Woody Webb, VP for Student Development. “We affirm the biblical teaching that sexual intimacies are to be shared as God's gift within the context of a committed marriage relationship between a man and woman, and that any form of sexual promiscuity, including homosex-ual acts, contradicts both Scripture and God's plan for us.”

Olivet is firm in its beliefs, as is the Evangelical Church as a whole.

Junior Cathy Schutt, 21, shared an apartment with a gay female fall semester 2009. She was shocked at the news of her roommate's sexual orientation, but with the advice from a mentor, she decided to give the housing arrangement a shot anyway.

Schutt agrees with Olivet's opinion that homosexuality goes against Scrip-ture and referenced Matthew 19, which says: “Haven't you read ... that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’”

Schutt feels that acting on homosex-ual feelings is wrong, but “you aren't condemned to hell if you are tempted

in that way.” A person is only wrong in the eyes of God if he or she pursues the same sex attraction.

There are students on campus that are not sure of their sexual orientation. There are also some people that struggle with the idea that they have those same sex attractions and feel that they need help.

If a student is struggling with the idea of homosexuality, the University will work with them, Webb said, but will not if a student has accepted the idea of his or her homosexuality. “I want students who struggle with this issue to know that they can talk with their RD, our chaplain or our counseling staff without fear of judgment or consequences,” Webb said.

On the other hand, “if a student is asking us to help them embrace their ho-mosexuality and help them find a way to talk about it to their family, because that's contrary to our position and what we believe, we are going to refer them off campus. We will give them a num-ber of referrals and let the student decide who they want to see.”

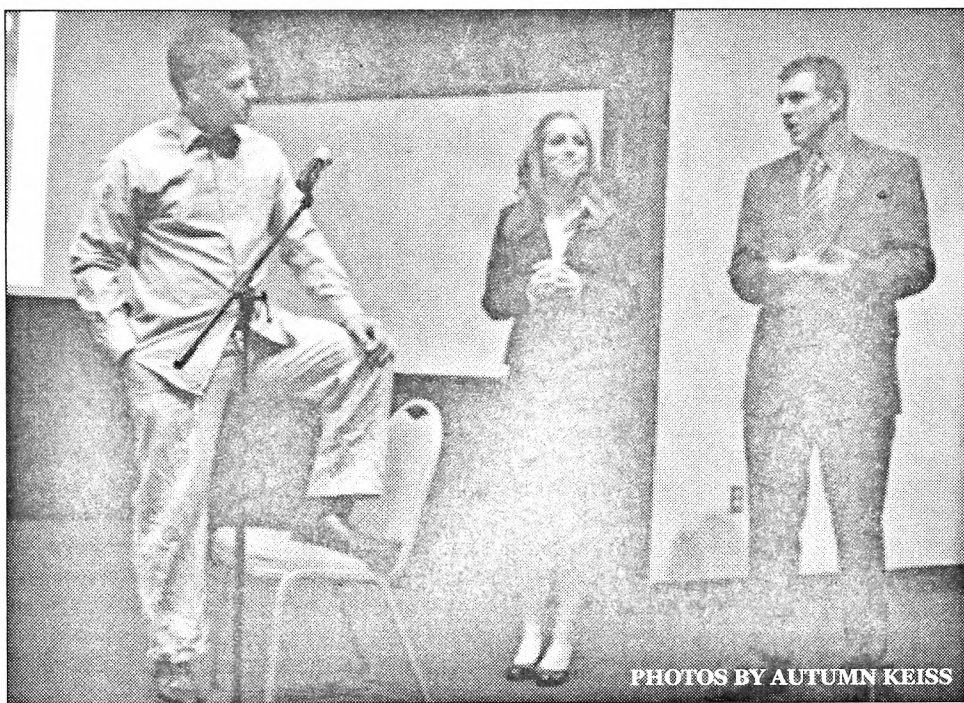
The administration and counselors are not trying to get away from the conver-sation about homosexuality. They are rather helping a student find someone that is willing to counsel them about their sexual orientation when Olivet's counselors are instructed not to.

In fact, the Church is more open to discussion now about the topic than in the past.

Webb said the Evangelical Church as a whole is more willing today to debate the issue than in previous years, but he does not see the Church changing its view on homosexuality.

“We want to talk about this issue with students, and we want them to feel safe doing so. If they come to us and want help understanding their same sex at-tractions, our offices are open. While we won't help a student accept [his or her] same sex attraction and enter a gay life-style, if they realize that their same sex attraction is contrary to God's will for them, we will walk with them on their journey.”





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**What Not To Wear, hosted by SIFE, took place to show students how to dress for an interview and what to avoid. Top: Hosts senior Adam Hines and junior Staci Oliver discussed proper attire with participant junior Andrew Butler (left). Bottom: Participants included (from left) junior Sarah Duranzo, junior Timothy Rabe, freshman Rachel Kilbry, junior Kenzie Redwine, sophomore Jackie Ford and junior Cole Jensen.**

## How to dress for future employers

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Ten models strutted across the Wisner stage. One had a face covered in make-up, another wore torn jeans. All of them were showing students what not to wear to an interview.

Luckily, junior Staci Oliver and senior Adam Hines, were there to help the misguided models at ONU SIFE's What Not To Wear.

The event took place Tuesday night and showed students how to dress for an interview. It also told them what to avoid.

The main advice of the evening was to dress conservatively so potential employers focus on what is said in interviews, not what is worn.

This theme appeared in the first model. When she walked on stage wearing bright blue eye shadow and green eyeliner, Oliver warned her to avoid looking like Ke\$ha.

"If you think you're wearing too much makeup, take it off," she said.

The next model reminded men to stay clean shaven. The third appeared in wrinkled linen pants.

"I actually wear these on a normal basis," the model said. "I've worn them to bed Saturday night and woken up and worn them to church Sunday morning."

Hines suggested using an iron, starch, or even going to a dry cleaner to make the outfit more professional.

"But you should ditch the linen pants," he said.

The fourth model wore a skirt that was too short. She was followed by a man wearing black shoes and a brown belt.

"When you came out here you probably had some girls going 'Oh man,'" Hines said. "Let's match the belt and the shoes."

The sixth model was dressed in torn jeans,

boots and a brown leather jacket.

"You look like you are going to a hoe-down," Oliver said. "You'll be all set once we change everything."

A model wearing bright orange pumps then took center stage. The hosts complimented the closed toe on the shoes, but suggested something less loud.

"Let's show personality in a conservative way," Hines said.

The bright shoes were replaced with a model wearing glittering jewelry, which clanked when she raised her arm.

"We don't want people to hear you when you walk down the hall," Oliver said.

The ninth model was a casually dressed male, and the tenth wore a large nose ring. "I call this look classic Ke\$ha," she said.

The hosts told her to buy a plug.

After all ten models walked across the stage, the hosts had a question and answer session.

The audience asked questions about hairstyle, pinstripes, and skirt lengths, and received the same basic answer: be conservative.

Once the question and answer period was through, the models filed on to the stage wearing modified outfits.

The hosts praised the new outfits, but some audience members had doubts.

"I don't like waist high skirts," freshman Hannah Miller said. "It is a personal preference, but I wish they had more variety."

Another viewer thought the models were not completely modest.

"One of the ladies needed a camisole or something under her blouse," junior Scott Palmer said.

However, junior Jordan Lewis liked everything about the show. Sophomore Alisha Evans also shared his feelings for event.

"They had something to say about everything and it was stuff I wanted to know," she said.

## Say no to trays, give the earth more days

Going Green is rewarding students who are 'getting caught trayless'

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Getting caught without a tray in the cafeteria is one time a student may actually want to get caught doing something.

"Getting Caught Trayless" is a semester-long initiative of Going Green, a campus club that educates students about the environment. It began in January to encourage students to stop using trays in the cafeteria and to spread awareness about what can be done to better the campus and the world.

Members of Going Green randomly approach students in Ludwig who appear to be trayless. Students are rewarded with gift cards, candy and reusable bags.

But the biggest prize for going trayless is knowing you are making a difference, according to Going Green co-president Jenny Schoenwetter.

"I feel it's our job to take care of God's world and to keep beautiful things beautiful," she said. "Stewardship is very important to me."

Schoenwetter pointed out that many students living in the Midwest do not understand the importance of green efforts.

"It doesn't really hit home for us because we aren't concerned or affected in the Midwest," she said.

One problem not seen in this area is water conservation. Other parts of the United States, such as California, have conserva-

tion issues like many other countries around the world.

Schoenwetter said she understands why students continue to use trays as well as why students do not understand the issues at hand. Her reasoning: convenience.

"Sometimes I'll be balancing three plates and a drink, hoping I don't fall," she said.

But she hopes to see everyone get on board with going trayless even while knowing that not everyone agrees.

By giving prizes to students without trays, it raises awareness of Going Green's purpose. Winners will show their friends what they received for doing a good thing for the environment, and other students will want to get involved.

That is exactly what happened when freshman Lindsey Peterson was caught without a tray.

"I was excited and surprised. I was telling all my friends, 'Look what I got for going trayless,'" she said.

To continue educating the student body about the environment, Schoenwetter wants to show the documentary "Carbon Nation" on campus. She says it is not just about the environment. It shows the relationship between the environment, politics, military and business.

"Getting Caught Trayless" is just the beginning of what Going Green wants to do for the campus.

"We're making baby steps. That's what it is; baby steps," Schoenwetter said.



PHOTO BY MEAGAN RAMSAY

**Juniors Kathryn Frias and Allison McGuire eat without trays in Ludwig Dining Hall. Members of Going Green randomly approach students in Ludwig who eat trayless. Students are rewarded with gift cards, candy and reusable bags. But the biggest prize for going trayless is knowing you are doing your part to make a difference.**



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# Freshmen band together to bring metal to ONU

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Olivet's campus has a plethora of different genres of bands; jazz, worship, concert, and now ... screamo. Freshmen Jake Leatherwood, Blake West, and Kyle Rzab, along with their drummer Brandon Acosta, who does not attend ONU, make up the band Stars Fall Silent, and they hope to bring a new love for hardcore music to students.

"We started to piece together the band in October," Leatherwood said.

West and Leatherwood met on the second day of the fall semester this year and crossed paths a month later. Rzab had heard about Leatherwood from others and had been trying to get in contact with him, eventually joining up with the band after some time. Looking a bit closer would have proven to be a bit easier, however.

"He [Leatherwood] was sitting next to me in chapel the entire time," Rzab said.

The name "Stars Fall Silent" came from the help of a friend, Leatherwood explains.

"It was just Stars Fall, but a friend thought of Fall Silent, and we just merged the two together," he said.

After some changes made to band members and an unproductive audition process for a bassist, Acosta joined on the drums and SFS finally secured a solid lineup. Next came the task of acquiring music, both covers and original pieces.

"We go off of what we listen to individually and as a band," Rzab said.

West agreed, adding that they



PHOTO BY ALY GIBSON

From left, freshmen Kyle Rzab, Jake Leatherwood, and Blake West formed their band Stars Fall Silent after coming to Olivet last fall. They found drummer Brandon Acosta, who is not an ONU student, and have been working to perfect their live show for an upcoming gig. If they can collectively sell 30 tickets, they will open for popular hardcore band Hawthorne Heights on April 2 in Steger, Ill.

currently have "four and a half songs," two of which are covers.

"One is from A Day to Remember and the other is a metal cover of a Ke\$ha song," Leatherwood added.

While the reward of being able to play for friends, family, and even new listeners comes with being a part of the band, West, Rzab, and Leatherwood say that being full-time students comes first, making it hard to find time

for both activities, which mean a lot to them.

"We get around to practicing two to three times a week," Rzab said, with Leatherwood adding that they book shows for the weekends.

They found the time in the beginning of March to start recording what will be their first demo, something they plan to release as soon. Rzab noted that he had to request to take a mid-term early just

to make the session on time.

"My grades will show that I'm in a band," West said.

The next venture for SFS will be a breakthrough performance with popular hardcore band Hawthorne Heights on Apr. 2 in Steger, Ill. While they hope to get signed and possibly make their band a full-time gig, they are currently aiming to get a seven-song set for the show.

"We have to sell 30 tickets in

order to open for the band, so we're hoping we can find people who like the music and want to go," Leatherwood said.

West summed up that while it can be hard to come across students on campus who like screamo or hardcore, he explained that the style requires skill and that more people should give it a chance.

"I hate when people bash this music," he said. "It's really raw and real."

## Novel gives perspective to 'Love on the Big Screen'

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As a "must-read" book labeled by its readers, "Love on the Big Screen" shows great promise of delivering what book readers want more than ever: a great story that you can't take your eyes off of with a story that shows love as it really is.

"Love on the Big Screen" takes place in the early 1980s. A character named Zuke is stuck between the screenplay of movie-love and the reality of true love as a freshman at a strict college that separates men from women. He continually keeps searching for the love that he passionately desires while true love is sitting there right in front of him all along. All the while, he goes through a tale of funny plots that includes a group of his peers who create a club called "Brothers in Pursuit." This group works together in search of God, knowledge, compassion and, of course, women.

This funny, lesson-in-life novel teaches its readers with the simple idea of not to believe what you see in movies. While the time frame may be slightly dated, readers can easily relate to the scenarios played out in the novel since they prove that love in the movies will



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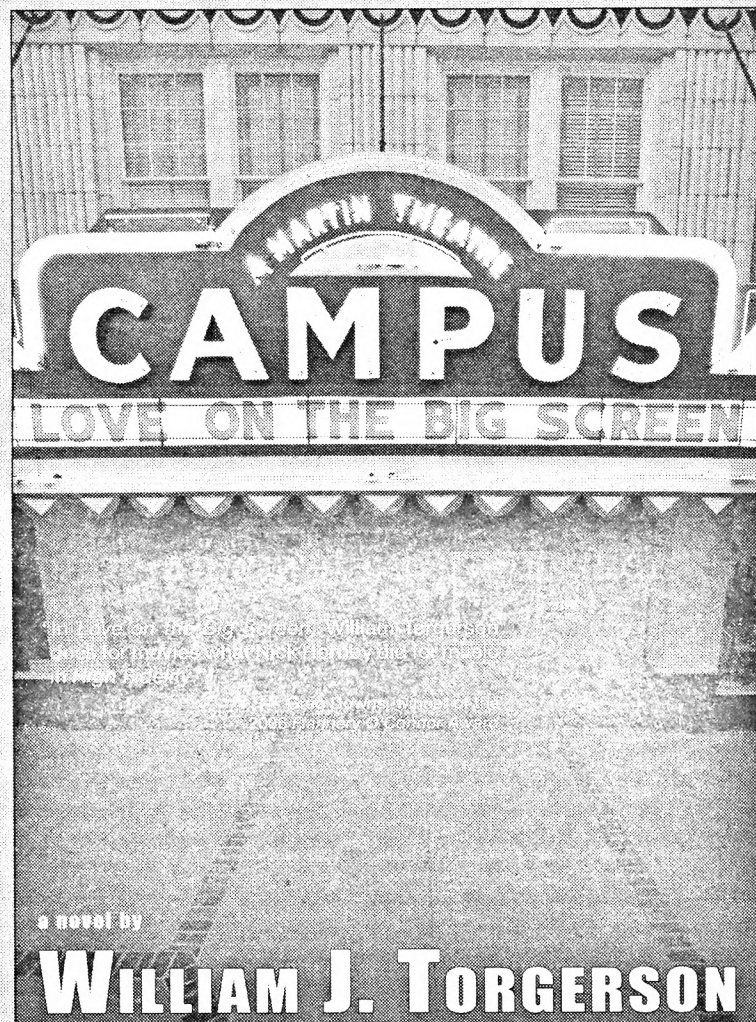
Bill Torgerson, author of "Love on the Big Screen," brings together not only romance and love, but also drama and a little suspense in his new novel.

never mirror that of real life. The main character, Zuke, while lovable, is upsetting due to his lack of sight of the truth right in front of him. The type of love and happiness that he saw and believed from the movies was not reality and he learns this lesson by the last few pages.

The best thing about "Love on

the Big Screen" is that it is an everything-in-one novel packed with romance, drama, comedy, and even a teaspoon of suspense.

With a rating of five stars by customers on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble, "Love on the Big Screen" is enjoyed by many more than just this reviewer.



"Love on the Big Screen" chronicles college freshman Zuke's adventures through love and film. The new novel was released in February.





PHOTO BY ALY GIBSON

Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot, authors of "Dot.com Dating," held an annual event in Centennial Chapel on Feb. 7 called "Date Night." The evening seminar looked at the laughs and woes of marriage and guests received "Dot.com Dating" in gift bags on their seats.

## Parrots get it right with 'dating' book

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On a campus obsessed with relationships, it can be easy for single people to feel lost in the crowd. And when that campus educates less than 4,000 students, Mr. or Mrs. Right may not be attending.

But searching for the perfect someone among the crowds is no longer the only option.

"Dot.com Dating: Finding Your Right Someone Online" by Les and Leslie Parrott explores one popular alternative to the more traditional way of finding the one: online dating.

"Dot.com Dating" targets single Christians who are serious about their faith and interested in joining the more than 32 million Americans who date online.

In simple and engaging language, the Parrotts explore the 6 myths about dating online, 6 ways to know if you should try it and the 5 questions to ask beforehand. They use convincing arguments, engaging examples, and documented studies as well.

For instance, most chapters contain quotes online dating site users and experts.

While the variety of sources help the Parrotts, it is easy to wonder if the authors fabricated some of the examples.

The book also relies on simple arguments. The Parrotts explain online dating sites are better than their free counterparts by using logic. They defend the idea with facts: people who are paying for an online dating service are more likely to be searching for a long term commitment, and paid services eliminate inactive accounts.

Each chapter of the book ends with words of advice, ranging from how to choose a profile picture to how to overcome depression. The book also provides Christian wisdom, without becoming "preachy."

Though its 139 pages seem overwhelming, the book can easily be read in about two to three hours. The short chapters make it easy to skim for a few minutes before going to sleep or running to class.

While the Parrott's book is short and written well, it becomes repetitive. Readers should see the table of contents and pick out what most interests them instead of reading the entire book.

## Artist's Corner:

In this edition of the artist's corner, cartoonist and staff writer GJ Frye chronicles the continuing adventures of his characters, Philosopirate and Phenomeninja, as they explore their new and uncanny friendship. Stereotypes would claim that pirates and ninjas can never be friends; they may just be there for a reason.

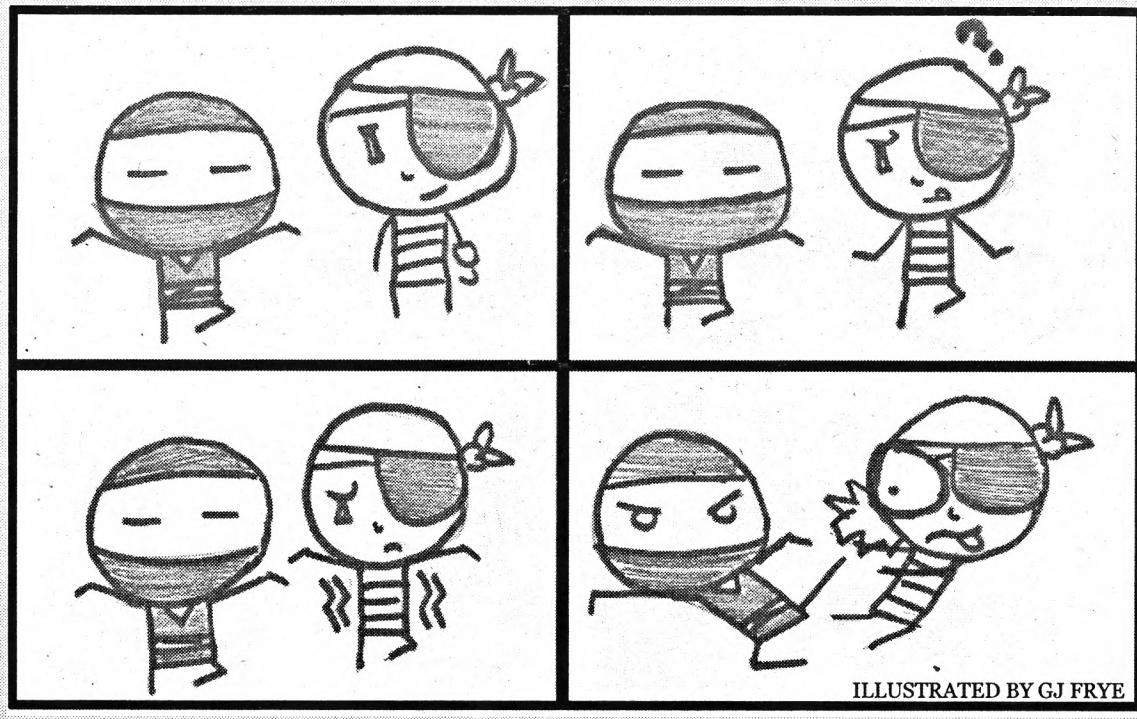


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"The Grace Card" hit theaters on Feb. 25 nationwide, featuring characters Mac McDonald, left, and Sam Wright who struggle with racism and life lessons while trying to follow God's path.

## 'The Grace Card' pleases and teaches

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Too often, faith-based films are rejected by the whole of society. One reason may be different from another, but usually it is because they are just that; based around Christianity and God.

However, one such film has the potential to surpass the boundaries and reach a wider audience that goes beyond the secular film industry.

"The Grace Card," which hit theaters nationwide on Feb. 25, is a superb and realistic approach to issues such as anger, racism, and the relationship between a man and God.

The story chronicles a cop living in Memphis, Mac McDonald, whose anger overtakes just about every part of his life and leaves him bitter and mean-spirited to even his closest family members. Seventeen years prior to present day, McDonald suffered the loss of his 5-year-old son during a routine drug bust on their street. The

bitterness and racism within McDonald grow enough over time to sever his already strained relationships with his wife and other son.

Back to present time, a promotion on the police force is given to a black man, Sam Wright, over McDonald. Wright struggles with his partner's anger and racism towards him throughout the movie while trying to balance his life as a cop and pastoring at a local Nazarene church. He wants to dedicate his full attention to his ministry, but with trying to support his wife and children, he is forced to keep working on the police force.

A new tragedy affects McDonald and his family, which makes him turn to Wright for help and guidance. Without spoiling the plot twist, eventually McDonald overcomes his anger and reconciles with not only his family and his co-workers, but also with God.

For this first-time production from Calvary Pictures and David G. Evans' directorial debut, this film was exceptionally well done. The cast does not boast any ex-

tremely well-known actors, but the lead and supporting actors create real dialogue and believable emotion that is worthy of mention. No one comes across as an 'over-actor' or a 'fake.'

Viewers shouldn't expect cutting-edge cinematography, mainly because the storyline and setting do not call for it. The shots of Memphis, while some not recognizable, show the true setting of the story and capture what the city really looks like.

All of this adds up to create a tale that is believable. The story features real details and real characters who are dealing with true emotions that any person from any faith or background could relate to. This film does not center itself on Christianity, but merely uses it to prove that people struggle with genuine problems and choose to come to God to find hope.

While the film won't win awards or probably gain the recognition it deserves, I encourage anyone, Christian or not, to see it. Know that what you are getting is authentic.

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# Track teams excel at national meets

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The men's and women's track teams recently competed at both the NCCAA National Indoor Meet and the NAIA National Indoor Meet.

The ONU teams had several qualifiers with notable performances.

The women took third at the NCCAA meet and had 13 top-10 finishes, including three individual national titles.

Senior Lauren Versweyveld won the 5,000-meter run, while sophomore Kortney Ellingboe won the 3,000-meter run. Senior Ashley Fozkos not only won the pole vaulting event but also broke Olivet's women's pole vaulting record with a jump of 12-feet and 5.5-inches.

Versweyveld, Ellingboe, and Fozkos also participated at the NAIA meet. Fozkos tied for ninth in pole vault while Ellingboe placed seventh in the 3,000-meter run. Versweyveld took eighth place in the 5,000-meter run, after breaking Olivet's indoor record in the preliminary heat with a time of 17:34.06.

Meanwhile, the men's team took second overall at the NCCAA meet, with seven top ten finishes and six top five finishes throughout the meet.

The men were lead by senior Kenny MacDonough, who placed second in the 5,000-meter run, and junior Justin Jones, who also took second in the one-mile run.

At the NAIA meet, Jones ran for a ninth-place finish in the mile run and MacDonough took 24<sup>th</sup> in

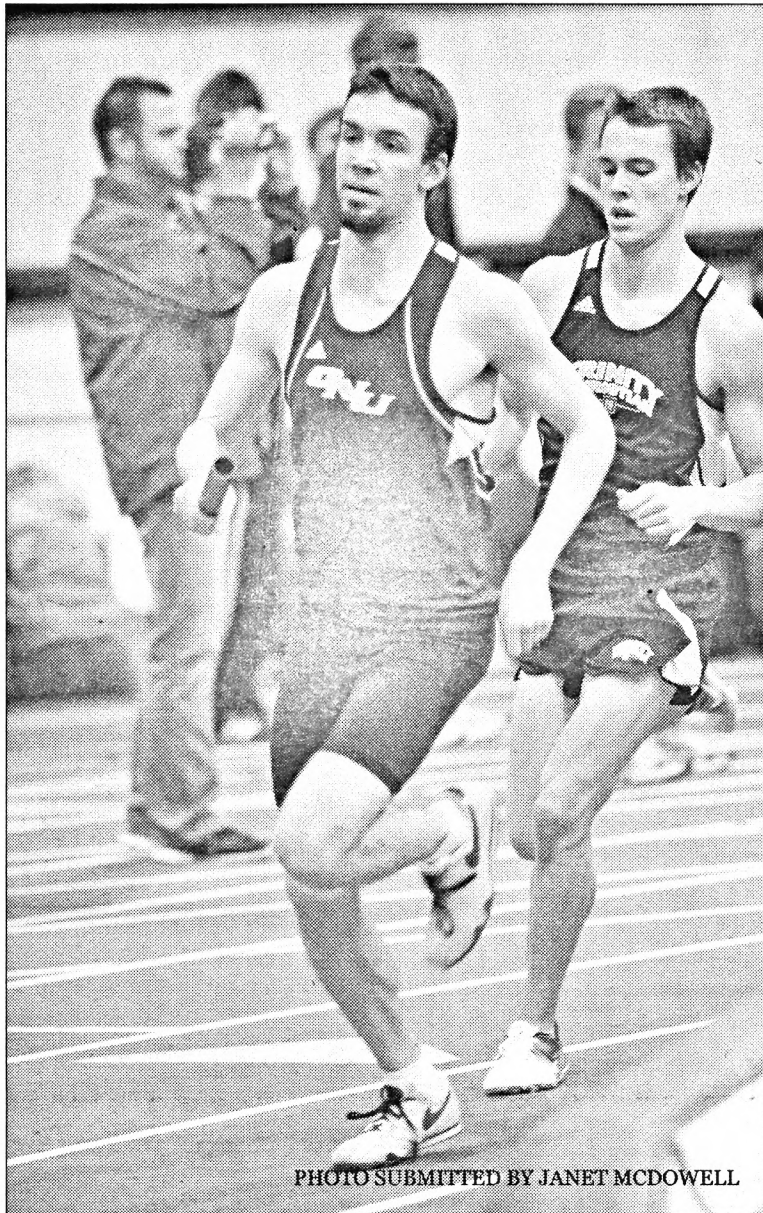


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**Junior Nic Mizeur runs his leg of the 4x800 at NCCAA Nationals on Feb. 19.**

the 5,000-meter run. Sophomore Kasey Ferrigan, freshman Ethan Gallagher, junior Nicholas Mizeur

and senior Jerad Koch took 11<sup>th</sup> in the 4x800.

## March Madness a slam dunk for FCA

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Many look forward to this month because it is a welcomed return of spring. But for college basketball enthusiasts, the excitement stems from the arrival of March Madness.

This year Olivet's Fellowship of Christian Athletes is joining the craze with its own "Beat the Bowling" challenge.

"The challenge consists of predicting which college will make it through each stage of the competition and win the final game," said sophomore Jeff Hawkins, one of the leaders of FCA. "Students write the teams they believe will go through on a bracket they've bought – the brackets are then handed back to us to determine a winner."

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament is renowned for bringing out those who like to make predictions on games. Sporting networks such as ESPN have made the tournament, known to many as "March Madness," a popular part of the supporter's experience. Competitions allow college basketball fans to guess who will win games throughout the tournament and who will be crowned the NCAA champion on Monday, April 4.

Because of its popularity and tie with sports, the FCA leaders decided to use March Madness for their own benefit while also creating something fun for students on campus, FCA leader Joel Kline, senior, said.

FCA is an international minis-

try for athletes. An outreach program in their ministry is a fellowship group called a "huddle." There are huddles at schools all across the nation, but Olivet's huddle focuses on developing the spiritual life of ONU athletes. The "Beat the Bowling" challenge is a fundraiser for the ministry, but it is also a way of getting the ministry's name out around campus.

University President, Dr. John Bowling is involved with the competition and has made his own predictions about the outcome of the tournament.

"I really like March Madness and the whole tournament," he said. "It showcases some great basketball and is always filled with some unexpected wins and losses."

Hawkins asked Bowling to participate in the competition and showcased a video in chapel promoting the event. Hawkins said the money students used to buy brackets are donations to benefit various FCA events.

"I think anything we can do to support FCA is important," Bowling said.

Students are enthusiastic about "Beat the Bowling."

"I am really excited to see how well my brackets match up against the real results of the tournament," freshman Landon Williams said. "I watch my favorite team, the Ohio State Buckeyes, in every round of March Madness."

If it is successful, FCA will host another "Beat the Bowling" next year. This year there is a prize worth \$50 for the winner.

## Thorne goes the distance in more ways than one

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Senior track and cross-country runner Kaitie Thorne is not the only person in her family who loves sports.

Thorne, the second oldest of six children, has participated in cross-country and track since middle school. She was in cross-country in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track during the spring.

Everyone in the Thorne family has been involved with at least one sport at some point. Most of them still are. Each of her siblings plays some sport, whether it is football, basketball, soccer or volleyball. Her father played football and basketball and even went on to play quarterback for his college's football team. He now coaches middle school football. Thorne's mother coached her in cross-country during middle school as the team's assistant coach.

While Thorne grew up surrounded by a family of athletes, she says she did not feel she was forced into playing sports but made up her own mind.

"We didn't have to play sports. My parents were supportive of anything we wanted to do,"

Thorne says.

Thorne chose to run anyway. But balancing her nursing classes and sports keeps her busy throughout the year.

While her running and her education are important, she knows her walk with God is even more important.

To maintain her spiritual growth, she goes to bed close to 10 p.m. each night and gets up around 6 a.m. to read her Bible and pray.

"I am more of a morning person and so I get up early to focus my day," she said.

Thorne is not the only athlete on the track team who knows that faith is important. After stretching and before the team goes on a run, they huddle up and say a quick prayer to maintain their focus on God. Before each track meet, head coach Mike McDowell designates a specific person to lead a devotional.

As one of the team's captains, Thorne makes sure her teammates have additional opportunities to grow. One of those ways is by leading a team Bible study.

Thorne also joined assistant coach Tori Ladner and other members of the track team in Costa Rica over spring break.

The team aided Costa Rican



**To ensure that she and her teammates remain focused on God throughout their season, senior Kaitie Thorne holds a Bible study for the cross-country team. From left: senior Lauren Versweyveld, Thorne, and freshmen Megan Perigo, Chantalle Falconer and Janalis Roche.**

children by going to schools to help with physical education classes. At the end of the trip, the team also hosted a track meet for the children, handing out T-shirts and ribbons to the winners.

"Trips like this always remind me of how blessed I truly am.

Why should I be the one to have such a blessed life? Why was I so fortunate to be born in the United States to a stable family? There are so many kids who don't even know who their dad is or if they will get 3 meals a day, and may have to wear the same clothes for

weeks in a row. It doesn't make sense, and I really don't have an answer for it. Maybe someday God will call me to do long term missions in another country, but for the time being all I can do is support and be a blessing to others with the blessings that I have."



## NATIONALS

## Tigers hoopin' it up

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RECORDS

## NAIA and NCAA Records

Most 100 point games in a season: 23

Scoring record: 105.2

## NAIA Records

Total steals in a season: 713

Steals per game: 22.3

Most field goals attempted per game: 96.7

## Olivet Records

Most wins in a season: 27

Longest winning streak: 13

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## Ladies sprint into record books

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This year's Lady Tigers became the first Olivet women's basketball team to win a National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) tournament game after defeating Southern Polytechnic State University Wednesday afternoon in Jackson, Tennessee, 87-79.

While the team lost to Saint Xavier University 91-101 in the finals of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament on March 5, they are focused on doing as well as possible in the tournament.

The Tigers, seeded fourth in their bracket, will take on top-seeded and defending champion Union University at 6:15 p.m. on

Friday. The Lady Tigers faced the Bulldogs earlier this season on December 4, falling 88-96 after leading by 10 at halftime.

However, the Tigers are prepared for any and all opponents.

"Our goal is to go out there and play Tigerball," said senior forward Simone Coburn. "We must take each game at a time, play our hardest, play cool, play together, eventually make it to the championship game and win Nationals."

Freshman guard Liz Bart agreed.

"We want to take it one game at a time and hopefully win the whole thing," Bart said. "Coach [Doug Porter] told us in the beginning that we had what it takes to go to Nationals. He told us that our team could accomplish great things. We're really excited to see

what Nationals has in store for us."

However the tournament ends, the Tigers have certainly had a successful season. The team broke several national records thanks to the effort put out by all of the players. The team was led by Coburn, who averaged a team best of 12.8 points per game. Coburn, junior guard Danielle Pipal, and red-shirt sophomore guard Danielle Tolbert were named to the CCAC All-Conference team.

"Though the Tigers know they have had a great season, they are focusing on the task at hand. While the tournament can only be viewed via a subscription-based service on NAIA's website, the tournament finals will be televised nationally on CBS College Sports Television on March 22.

## Men go down fighting

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After a season initially filled with uncertainty, the Olivet's men's basketball team earned a trip to the NAIA National Tournament where they played a hard-fought game against No. 7 ranked Georgetown College (Kentucky) but fell 76-83 on March 17.

The players looked forward to their trip to Kansas City after a long season.

"I think that it is an awesome accomplishment for our team, considering where we were a month or two ago at 8-8," said redshirt junior guard Antonio Marshall.

Recapping the 2010-2011 season and reviewing the road the Tigers took could certainly be described as an uphill climb.

The battle involved finding chemistry and learning to play together, Nick Birkey told *GlimmerGlass* reporter Andrew Kriz in a previous interview.

The team had a rough start, going one game above .500 (8-7) in their first 15 games.

The second half began after the team's journey to the Pacific where they played against National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Brigham Young-Hawaii and won.

The team finished the final 15 games of the regular season 12-3. Two of their losses came to Rob-

ert Morris, who was ranked first in the NAIA polls for most of the season.

During a six-game winning streak from February 3 to February 19, Olivet won the first four games by double digits.

Another of those six wins also included an 81-76 victory over Chicago State, the second year in a row Olivet has won the match-up. Both wins are the only victories over an NCAA Division I opponent in Olivet's men's basketball history.

At the end of the season, the Tigers finished second in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC), both in the regular season and in the tournament after falling to rival Robert Morris, 68-76. They were ranked No. 27 in the final NAIA poll and made it into the national tournament with an at-large bid.

But the players knew they had to work hard to get to the tournament, under the direction of head coach Ralph Hodge.

"Coach Hodge really [did] a good job of getting us better for each practice, situation and game," Marshall said. "It [was] fun getting better with our younger players, and our older guys really [stepped] up and [played] big."

Some of those older players included Marshall and seniors Cory Hainlen and Nick Klomstad. All three were named to the CCAC All-Conference team.



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